प्रधानमंत्री रोजगार योजना (पी०एम०आर०वाई०) कई सामाजिक कल्याण योजनाएं जिनका उद्देश्य गरीबी तथा निरक्षरता उन्मूलन है निर्धनों हेतु बहुआयमी राष्ट्रीय सामाजिक सहायता कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत चलाई जा रही है। जिनमें वृद्धावस्था पेंशन अर्जक सदस्य की मृत्यु की स्थिति में पारिवारिक लाभ तथा मातृत्व लाभ शामिल है। सरकार ने ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में सामाजिक बीमा के प्रोत्साहन के लिए ग्रामीण सामूहिक जीवन बीमा योजना (आर०जी०एल०आई०एस०) भी शुरू की है।

Expenditure Policy

275. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Ministerr of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a comprehensive expenditure policy has been announced by Government; and

(b) if no, the saliant features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM):

(a) and (b) The Government have issued guidelines on June 17, 1996 on expenditure management — fiscal prudence and austerity, which intend to achieve, through control of growth of expenditure and enhancement of return on Govt. equity in Public Sector Enterprises, an annual attrition of Rs.3000 crores in the expenditure budget of the Central Government. The salient features of the guidelines include: (i) review and evaluation of on-going programmes and schemes to determine their continued relevance; (ii) strict curbing of deviations from the prescribed budgetary ceilings; (iii) declaration of a minimum dividend of 20% on equity by Public Sector enterprises if distributable profits permit or minimum dividend pay out of 20% of post-tax profits (30% in respect of Oil, Petroleum, Chemical and other infrastructure sectors) (iv) time and cost overrun of schemes to be strictly avoided; and (v) manpower to be reduced to the extent possible.

Certain apprehensions were expressed in some quarters in so far as the guidelines relate to wages and manpower. The Govt. have since clarified that, under the guidelines,

(i) there would be no retrenchment of any employee in any Central Government Ministry, Organisation or Public Sector Undertaking;

(ii) there will be no reduction in the wages of Government employees because the provision for payment of salaries would be suitably adjusted for inflation in accordance with the DA formula accepted by the Govt; and

(iii) the recommendations of the Vth Pay Commission when they are accepted by the Government will be fully provided for.

Enforcement of Benami Transactions (Prohibitions) Act

276. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Ministerr of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banami Transactions (Prohibitions) Act, 1988 is not being enforced in spite of its constitutional validity;

(b) whether Government have decided to implement the Act; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) By virtue of section 1(3) of the Benami Transactions (Prohibitions) Act, 1988, sections 3, 5, and 8 of the Act came into force on 5.9.88 and the remaining provisions of the Act were deemed to have come into force on 19.5.1988.

(b) and (c) So far as the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance is concerned, the implementation of section 5 of the Act is under active consideration.